

ABSTRACTS

Why Study LULC?

In last few decades with the advancement in geospatial technologies, it has become possible to understand & analyze complex real-world phenomena across space and time. With the increasing population, there is an ever-increasing demand for food, shelter and energy which results in varying changes in the land use and land cover pattern.

What's new?

> Understanding variability – analyzing LULC change at multiple scales i.e., at aggregate basin / watershed & at specific subset region i.e. state level & also at multiple timeintervals;

Role of drivers - biophysical, climatic & socio-economic on LULC change (primarily agriculture since ~50% of area under farming);

Simulation & prediction of land use change.

STUDY REGION

Krishna river basin comprises states three i.e., part ot Karnataka (~44%), Maharashtra Pradesh (~26%) & Andhra (~30%); including Telangana Third largest river basin in India is about ~8 (7.96) which percent of the total geographic area of India.



CONCLUSIONS

Agriculture intensification - intra-annual & inter-seasonal fluctuation in cropping pattern (Kharif crops 个19% to 24%), double/triple crop $(\downarrow 14\% \text{ to } 17\%)$, (Rabi crop $\downarrow 10\%$ to 6%) & Zaid crop $\downarrow -87\%$);

► Massive decline in large water bodies, urban expansion & stable forest cover; LULC change variation - across different scale greatly varies - each state has different drivers for this change, driven by state's policies, water availability & climate



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RESULTS – (a) LULC yearly maps